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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY ON CSCE FOR JULY 28

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1. FINNISH PRESS TODAY REPORTED THE ARRIVAL OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS IN HELSINKI, DESCRIBED THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE REPRESENTATION OF CYPRES CARRIED ROUTINE COVERAGE ON PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO POLAND, PUBLISHED ADVANCE INFORMATION ABOUT BILATERAL MEETINGS IN HELSINKI AND EDITORIALIZED ON THE ADVANTAGES OF THE CSCE TO FINLAND AND OTHERS.

2. MAKARIOS ARRIVES IN HELSINKI. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS,
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PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, WAS THE FIRST DELEGATION LEADER

TO ARRIVE IN HELSINKI MONDAY AFTERNOON WHILE TURKEY MADE A PUBLIC PROTEST OVER MAKARIOS PARTICIPATION, HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS REPORTED.

ON ARRIVAL, MAKARIOS SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT HELSINKI AIRPORT: "THE TURKISH LEADERS DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE RESULTS OF THE CSCE, AND THE CSCE HAS NOTHING TO LOOSE EVEN IF DENKTASH HAS NOT RECOGNIZED THE CSCE OR ITS RESULTS."

3. COSTA GOMEZ TO ARRIVE THURSDAY. PRESIDENT FRANCISCO DA COSTA GOMEZ OF PORTUGAL WILL ARRIVE IN HELSINKI THURSDAY, INDEPENDENT HELSINGIN SANOMAT REPORTED. IT WAS EARLIER REPORTED THAT COSTA GOMEZ WOULD NOT COME TO FINLAND, BUT AFTER TALKS WITH MAJOR ERNESTO MELO ANTUNES, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE FORMER PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT, THE ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT HIS ARRIVAL ON THURSDAY WAS PUBLISHED. NO EXPLANATION WAS GIVEN.

4. THE SOVIET DELEGATION LEFT MOSCOW. THE SOVIET PARTY LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV MONDAY STARTED HIS TRIP TO HELSINKI BY TRAIN FROM MOSCOW. NEWS AGENCY TASS REPORTED THAT THERE WERE NO CEREMONIES AT THE RAILWAY STATION, HELSINGIN SANOMAT SAID.

BREZHNEV WILL ARRIVE IN HELSINKI TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AND THE MAIN HELSINKI RAILWAY STATION WILL BE CLOSED FOR BREZHNEV'S ARRIVAL.

5. BILATERAL MEETINGS. PRESIDENT GERALD FORD WILL MEET UNOFFICIALLY PRESIDENT URHO KEKKONEN AT THE CPRESIDENTIAL PALACE TUESDAY EVENING, HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS REPORTED. AFTER FORD'S VISIT, PRESIDENT KEKKONEN WILL RECEIVE SECRETARY GENERAL BREZHNEV. THESE BILATERAL MEETINGS ARE CHARACTERIZED AS COURTESY VISITS.

PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY GENERAL BREZHNEV WILL MEET AT LEAST TWICE, HELSINGIN SANOMAT REPORTED. THEIR MAIN TOPIC WILL BE THE SALT TALKS, AS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SIGNING OF A NEW SALT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SEEN AS THE CULMINATION OF THE NEXT OFFICIAL SUMMIT. THE TALKS ARE HOWEVER SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY SHORTNESS OF TIME, BECAUSE THE SUMMIT IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES NEXT FALL. POLITICAL OBSERVERS SAY THAT ONLY A POLITICAL AGREEMENT BY BREZHNEV AND FORD CAN UNLOCK THE SITUATION AND CREATE THE PREREQUISITES FOR THE SIGNING OF A NEW SALT AGREEMENT WHICH BOTH SIDES SEEM TO WANT

EAGERLY, THE PAPER SAID.

PRESIDENT FORD WILL ALSO HAVE BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON, PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING, PRIME MINISTER SULEYMAN DEMIREL AND PRIME MINISTER CONSTANTIN CARAMANLIS.

FORD IS EXPECTED TO TRY IMPROVE THE U.S. RELATIONS WITH TURKEY, HELSINGIN SANOMAT SAID.

6. FORD TO STAY AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. PRESIDENT FORD WILL REPORTEDLY STAY AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, HELSINGIN SANOMAT REPORTED, WHILE CONSERVATIVE UUSI SUOMI REPORTED THAT HE IS EXPECTED TO STAY AT HOTEL KALASTAJATORPPA IN HELSINKI.

7. DRESS REHEARSAL FOR FORD'S ARRIVAL. A DRESS REHEARSAL FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S ARRIVAL WAS HELD AT HELSINKI AIRPORT BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, HELSINGIN SANOMAT REPORTED AND SAID THAT IT WENT SATISFACTORILY. THE PAPER THOUGHT THAT THE SECURITY WILL BE AT ITS TIGHTEST AT THE AIRPORT WHEN PRESIDENT FORD ARRIVES AT 6 P.M.

8. NEWSWEEK: RESERVATIONS FROM FORD. PRESIDENT FORD INTENDS TO EXPRESS SOME RESERVATION CONCERNING THE FINAL CSCE DOCUMENT BEFORE HE SIGNS IT NEXT FRIDAY, NEWSWEEK WROTE IN ITS LATEST ISSUE AS QUOTED BY HELSINGIN SANOMAT. FORD IS GOING TO SAY THAT THE CSCE DOCUMENT IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A FINAL POST-WORLD WAR II PEACE TREATY. FORD WILL ALSO SAY THAT THE U.S. REACTION TO THE SOVIET POLICY EUROPE WILL DEPEND ON HOW MOSCOW IS GOING TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CSCE DOCUMENT.

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9. FINNISH EDITORIAL COMMENT. INDEPENDENT HELSINGIN SANOMAT COMMENTED EDITORIALLY: "THE CSCE DOCUMENTS IS NOT LEGALLY BINDING, ONLY MORALLY AND POLITICALLY BINDING. THE CONSENSUS PROCEDURE, THE INTERNAL BALANCE OF THE DOCUMENT AND THE CONCLUSION OF THE PROCESS AT SUMMIT LEVEL TEND TO INCREASE THE BINDING CHARACTER (OF THE DOCUMENT). HOW CONCENTIOUSLY THE 35 COUNTRIES OF WHOM NO ONE HAS OPPOSED THE CONTENTS OF THE DOUCMENT TO HE SIGNED WILL STICK TO IT WILL NOT BE SEEN UNTIL IN THE FUTURE."

CENTER PARTY SUOMENMAA IN EDITORIAL: "FINLAND WILL GET FROM THE CSCE THE SAME ADVANTAGE IT WILL GIVE TO ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. THE EXTENT OF THIS CAN ONLY BE SEEN IN FUTURE. IN OTHER WORDS, ONLY WHEN WE SEE HOW MUCH THE CSCE HAS STRENGTHENED SECURITY AND

DETENTE ON OUR CONTINENT AND HOW MUCH COOPERATION HAS
INCREASED. IT IS CERTAIN ALREADY THAT THANKS TO THE
CSCE, KNOWLEDGE ABOUT FINLAND'S POLICY OF NEUTRALITY
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